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(54) [Title of the Invention] Dope-dyed black polyamide fiber having high toughness

(2) At page 2, column 1, lines 1 to 18:

[Scope of Claims for Patent]

[Claim 1] A dope-dyed black polyamide fiber having high toughness, which comprises a polyamide fiber having dispersed therein carbon black particles having a size of 300 m $\mu$  or less, and which has a strength of 8.0 g/d or higher and a ductility of 22 % or higher.

[Claim 2] The dope-dyed black polyamide fiber having high toughness according to claim 1, wherein said carbon black particles is produced by the channel process.

[Claim 3] The dope-dyed black polyamide fiber having high toughness according to claim 1 or 2, which has a carbon black particle content of 0.2 to 1.0 % by weight, based on the weight of the dope-dyed black polyamide fiber.

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Application Field in Industry] The present invention relates to a dope-dyed black polyamide fiber having high toughness. More specifically, the present invention is concerned with a dope-dyed black polyamide fiber having high toughness, which exhibits excellent toughness and excellent durability

and, hence, can be advantageously used as a material for various industrial articles, such as a fishnet, a belt, a string, a net for construction and a tarpaulin.

(3) At page 3, column 3, bottom line to column 4, line 13:

[0026] The high toughness, dope-dyed black polyamide fiber of the present invention is characterized in that particles of a channel type carbon black having a size of 300 m $\mu$  or less, preferably 250 m $\mu$  or less, are finely dispersed in the fiber.

[0027] The fine dispersion of the carbon black particles can be confirmed by an observation using a transmission electron microscope, for example, by a photomicrograph of an ultrathin specimen (obtained by ultramicrotomy) of the polyamide fiber, which is taken in an observation of the specimen using TEM 1200 EX (trade name; manufactured and sold by JEOL Ltd.) at an acceleration voltage of 100 KV.

[0028] In the present invention, the term "fine dispersion of the carbon black particles" means a state in which the 1st to 20th largest carbon black particles observed in the above-mentioned photomicrograph have an average particle diameter of 300 m $\mu$  or less, preferably 250 m $\mu$  or less.